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CANDIDATE'S HANDBOOK
AND
ELECTION CALENDAR

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ELECTION CALENDAR

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e-193 to e-103	April 25, 2008 to July 24, 2008	Signatures in Lieu of Filing Fee - Independent Candidates for US Senate, US Congress & State Legislative Offices (EC 8105, 8106, 8302,8405)
e-193 to e-88	April 25, 2008 to August 8, 2008	Nomination Papers - Independent Presidential Elector Candidates - Office for Which there is no Filing Fee (EC 8403a2)
e-148	June 9, 2008	Governor's Proclamation (EC 12000)
e-148 to e-88	June 9, 2008 to August 8, 2008	Nomination Papers - Independent Candidates for Office for Which there is a Filing Fee (EC 8106, 8403)
e-131	June 26, 2008	Initiative Measure Qualification Deadline (EC 9013)
e-131	June 26, 2008	Legislative Measure Qualification Deadline (EC 9040)
e-125	July 2, 2008	Notice of Boundaries (EC 10522)
e-123	July 4, 2008*	Schools Deliver Specifications of Election Order (ED 5322)
e-120	July 7, 2008	Order of Election/Superintendent of Schools (ED 5324)
e-120 to e-88	July 7, 2008 to August 8, 2008	Period to Submit Resolutions for Local Measures
e-113 to e-88	July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008	Nomination and Declaration of Candidacy Period (EC 8020)
e-98	July 29, 2008	Change of Candidate's Designation on Ballot (EC 13107)
e-96	July 31, 2008	Semi-Annual Campaign Disclosure Statements Due (GC 84200)
e-88	August 8, 2008	Close of Nomination and Declaration of Candidacy Period (EC 8020)
e-88 to e-78	August 8, 2008 to August 18, 2008	Period to Submit Arguments for or Against Measures (EC 9163)
e-87 to e-83	August 9, 2008 * to August 13, 2008	Extended Nomination and Declaration of Candidacy Period (EC 8025)
e-83	August 13, 2008	Last day to file Petition for Judicial Write in Campaign (EC 8203)

e-83	August 13, 2008	Last day to Withdraw a Measure (EC 9605)
e-82	August 14, 2008	Random Alpha Drawing - SOS/Madera County (EC 13112b)
e-77 to e-68	August 19, 2008 to August 28, 2008	Period to Submit Rebuttals to Arguments in Favor or Against Measures (EC 9167)
e-68	August 28, 2008	Certified List of Candidates and Rotation Lists (EC 8148)
e-67 to e-57	August 29, 2008 to September 8, 2008	10-day Public Examination Period (EC 9190)
e-60	September 5, 2008	Special/Military Vote by Mail Ballots (EC 300, 3103)
e-57 to e-14	September 8, 2008 to October 21, 2008	Statement of Write-in Candidacy Period, Non-Presidential Candidates (EC 8601)
e-45	September 20, 2008	State Ballot Pamphlets to Counties (EC 9094b)
e-41	September 24, 2008	Candidate Meeting/Worshop
e-40 to e-21	September 25, 2008 to October 14, 2008	State Ballot Pamphlet Mailing (EC 9094a)
e-40 to e-10	September 25, 2008 to October 25, 2008*	Counties Mail Sample Ballots (EC 13300, 13303, 13304)
e-29	October 6, 2008	Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement Due (GC 84200)
e-29 to e-7	October 6, 2008 to October 28, 2008	Vote by Mail Application Period (EC 3001, 3003)
e-17	October 18, 2008	Saturday Voter Registration @ CCROV Office
e-15	October 20, 2008	Close of Registration (EC 2102, 2107)
e-14 to e-7	October 21, 2008 to October 28, 2008	New Residents and New Citizens Registration Period (EC 332, 3400)
e-12	October 23, 2008	Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement Due (GC 84200)
e-11	October 24, 2008	Processing of Vote by Mail Ballots (7 business days before) (EC 15101)
e-6 to e-1	October 29, 2008 to November 3, 2008	Vote by Mail Ballot - Late Conditions (EC 3021)
e-3	November 1, 2008	Saturday Voting @ CCROV Office
e-0	November 4, 2008	Election Day (EC 1000, 14212)

e-0	November 4, 2008	Clerk to Declare Election any Unopposed Judicial Candidates (EC 8203)
e+1	November 5, 2008	Post Election Reconciliation/Clean Up Procedures
e+2	November 6, 2008	Semi-Official Canvass (EC 15150, 15151)
e+28	December 2, 2008	Complete Official Canvass (EC 15372)
e+35	December 9, 2008	Statement of Results to Secretary of State (EC 15375)
e+88	February 2, 2008	Semi-Annual Campaign Disclosure Statements Due (GC84200)

For a detailed explanation of each item outlined above, see pages 4-11.

DETAILED CALENDAR

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▶APRIL 25, 2008 TO JULY 24, 2008

SIGNATURES IN LIEU OF FILING FEE - INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

During this period, any independent candidate may obtain his or her forms from the county election official for circulating petitions to secure signatures in lieu of all or part of the filing fee. Qualified signatures may also be applied to the signature requirements for the office on the nomination paper.

▶APRIL 25, 2008 TO AUGUST 8, 2008

NOMINATION PAPERS - INDEPENDENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR CANDIDATES

Between these dates, independent candidates for an office for which there is no filing fee (presidential elector) shall circulate nomination papers to obtain signatures and submit them to the county elections official for examination.

▶JUNE 9, 2008

GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION

By this date, the Governor shall issue a proclamation calling the general election and transmit a copy to the Board of Supervisors of each county. The proclamation shall state the time of the election and the offices to be filled. The Secretary of State will send an informational copy to each county election official.

▶JUNE 9, 2008 TO AUGUST 8, 2008

NOMINATION PAPERS-INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES OFFICES W/FEE

Between these dates, independent candidates shall circulate nomination papers and submit them to the county elections official for examination. If the candidate is filing for an office that falls within two or more counties, the county elections official shall report in writing within 2 business days to the SOS the total number of valid signatures submitted.

▶JUNE 26, 2008

INITIATIVE MEASURE QUALIFICATION DEADLINE

The last day for an initiative measure to qualify for the general election ballot.

▶JUNE 26, 2008

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE QUALIFICATION DEADLINE

Last day for the Legislature to adopt a constitutional amendment, bond measure or other legislative measure in order for the proposed measure to appear on the general election ballot.

► JULY 2, 2008

NOTICE OF BOUNDARIES

The last day for districts to submit a map showing the boundaries of the district and the boundaries of the divisions of the district.

► JULY 4, 2008*

SCHOOLS DELIVER SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER

Last day for a school board to deliver a resolution known as “Specifications of the Election Order” and file it with the County Superintendent of Schools and the County Elections Official, stating the date and purpose of the election.

► JULY 7, 2008

ORDER OF ELECTION-SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The County Superintendent of Schools shall deliver to the County Clerk or Registrar of Voters copies of the Order of Election and Formal Notice of Election.

► JULY 7, 2008 TO AUGUST 8, 2008

PERIOD TO SUBMIT RESOLUTION FOR LOCAL MEASURE

Between these dates, any local jurisdiction that wishes to place a measure on the ballot, must submit their Resolution and Tax Rate Statement. All Resolutions and Tax Rate Statements must be filed by no later than 5 p.m. on August 8, 2008.

► JULY 14, 2008 TO AUGUST 8, 2008

NOMINATION AND DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY PERIOD

Between these dates candidates for local elective office must obtain and file the required nomination papers. During this period, any candidate who chooses to submit a Statement of Qualifications must do so at the same time they file their Declaration of Candidacy. Fees for Statements of Qualifications are found on pages 34-35 of this handbook. No candidate may have their name placed on the ballot without completing a Declaration of Candidacy.

► JULY 29, 2008

CHANGE OF CANDIDATE’S BALLOT DESIGNATION FROM PRIMARY

This is the last day that a candidate from the primary election, may request in writing, that their ballot designation be changed for the general election.

► JULY 31, 2008

SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DUE

The last day to file semi-annual campaign statements, if required, by all candidates and committees.

► AUGUST 6, 2008

ELECTION NOTICE TO DISTRICT SECRETARY

The last day for the Election Official to deliver a copy of all published notices to the district secretary. Each notice shall be posted in the district office.

► AUGUST 8, 2008 TO AUGUST 18, 2008

PERIOD TO SUBMIT ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURES

Between these dates, arguments for or against measures will be accepted for filing. Arguments must be properly titled, signed and submitted with the appropriate word limitation. All arguments will be compared to the elections code to determine conformity prior to filing.

► AUGUST 9, 2008* TO AUGUST 13, 2008

EXTENDED NOMINATION AND DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY PERIOD

Between these dates, if the incumbent of any local elective office has not filed a Declaration of Candidacy to succeed to the same office, then any person, other than the incumbent, may file such declaration during the extended period. This provision does not apply when there is no incumbent officer to be elected.

► AUGUST 13, 2008

WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN - JUDICIAL OFFICE

Last day to file a petition indicating that a write-in campaign will be conducted against an unopposed judicial candidate who has filed nomination papers. The petition must be signed by 100 registered voters qualified to vote for that office. Write-in candidates must file nomination documents between September 8, 2008 and October 21, 2008.

► AUGUST 13, 2008

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW A MEASURE

The last day any jurisdiction may remove a measure from the General election ballot.

►AUGUST 14, 2008

RANDOM ALPHA DRAWING - SOS AND ELECTIONS OFFICIAL

The Secretary of State shall conduct the random alpha drawing to determine the order in which the candidates names will appear on the ballot. On this same day, the County Elections Official shall conduct a random alpha drawing to determine the order of candidate names for the office of State Assembly.

►AUGUST 19, 2008 TO AUGUST 28, 2008

PERIOD TO SUBMIT REBUTTALS TO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST MEASURES

Between these dates, Rebuttals to arguments for or against measures will be accepted. Rebuttals must be properly titled, signed and submitted with the appropriate word limitation. All rebuttals will be compared to the elections code to determine conformity prior to filing.

►AUGUST 28, 2008

CERTIFIED LIST OF CANDIDATES FROM SECRETARY OF STATE

The last day for the Secretary of State to prepare and send to each county a certified list by public office showing the name, party affiliation and ballot designation of every person who has received the nomination as a candidate for public office or who is otherwise entitled to receive votes within the county at the general election.

►AUGUST 29, 2008 TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

10 DAY PUBLIC EXAMINATION PERIOD

During this period, the public may inspect arguments, analyses, rebuttals and ballot material for measures filed. Documents will be on public display in the office of the Election Official. Any voter of the jurisdiction or the county elections official, may seek a writ of mandate or injunction requiring any or all of the materials to be amended or deleted.

►SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

PROCESS SPECIAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS - MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTERS

This is the first day the county elections official may process applications for special vote by mail ballots. Ballots will be mailed to military registrants and voters who have requested vote by mail ballots due to living overseas.

►SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 TO OCTOBER 21, 2008

STATEMENT OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY AND NOMINATION PERIOD

During this period, all write-in candidates (non-presidential) must file their statements of write-in candidacy and nomination papers with the county elections official.

►SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

STATE BALLOT PAMPHLETS TO COUNTIES (EC9094B)

By this date, the Secretary of State shall provide all local jurisdictions with the State Ballot Pamphlets.

►SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

CANDIDATE MEETING/WORKSHOP

On this date, the County Clerk-Recorder & Registrar of Voters will conduct a candidate meeting/workshop to discuss processes and procedures for the upcoming election. Invitations will be mailed to each candidate indicating time and location.

►SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 TO OCTOBER 14, 2008

STATE BALLOT PAMPHLET MAILING

Between these dates, the Secretary of State shall mail to each household a state ballot pamphlet.

►SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 TO OCTOBER 25, 2008*

COUNTIES MAIL SAMPLE BALLOTS

Between these dates, the county elections official shall mail sample ballot to each registered voter in the county.

►OCTOBER 6, 2008

PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DUE

By 5 p.m. on this date, all candidates that have controlled committees, must file their Form 460 with the county elections official. For detailed filing schedule, see page 38.

►OCTOBER 6, 2008 TO OCTOBER 28, 2008

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT ISSUANCE

Between these dates, any registered voter may apply to the county elections official for an Vote by Mail ballot. Voters with permanent vote by mail status or voters who reside in mail ballot precincts will have their ballots automatically sent to them on this date.

►OCTOBER 18, 2008

SATURDAY VOTER REGISTRATION

On this day the office of the County Clerk shall be open to the public to accept voter registration forms for the November election.

► OCTOBER 20, 2008

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION

This is the LAST day anyone can register and vote in the General Election.

- Affidavits postmarked on or before the 15th day prior to the election and received by mail.
- Affidavits submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles or accepted by any other public agency designated as a voter registration agency pursuant to the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 on or before the 15th day prior to the election.
- Affidavits delivered to the county elections official by means other than those described above on or before the 15th day prior to the election.

► OCTOBER 21, 2008 TO OCTOBER 28, 2008

NEW RESIDENTS/NEW CITIZENS REGISTRATION PERIOD

Registration for new residents shall begin the 14th day prior to an election and end on the seventh day prior to election day. This registration must be executed in the county elections office and the new resident shall vote a new resident's ballot in that office. A new resident is eligible to vote for President and Vice President and for no other office.

A new citizen registering to vote after the close of registration shall provide the county elections official with proof of citizenship prior to voting, and shall declare that he or she has established residency in California.

► OCTOBER 23, 2008

PRE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DUE

By 5 p.m. on this date, all candidates that have controlled committees, must file their Form 460 with the county elections official. For detailed filing schedule, see page 38.

► OCTOBER 24, 2008

PROCESSING OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS

On this date, the elections division will begin the process of opening the vote by mail ballots and make preparations for tabulation on election day.

► OCTOBER 29, 2008 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2008

VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT - LATE CONDITIONS ONLY

Voters unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability or because they will be absent from their precinct on election day, may come to the Elections Division and receive a vote by mail ballot over the counter. Voters may designate, in writing, a representative to bring their vote by mail ballot to them. The voter may either personally or through an authorized representative, return the ballot to the Elections Division or to any polling place in the county. All ballots must be returned by 8 p.m.

on election day in order to be counted.

►NOVEMBER 1, 2008

SATURDAY VOTING

On this day, the County Clerk's office will be open to permit voting and the issuance of Vote by Mail Ballots.

►NOVEMBER 4, 2008

ELECTION DAY

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. After the close of the polls, a public terminal displaying unofficial results will be available in the office of the county elections official until such time as all precincts are done reporting. Results displayed on election night are UNOFFICIAL. Results are not final until the county elections official has completed the Official Canvass and has certified the results.

►NOVEMBER 4, 2008

UNOPPOSED JUDICIAL CANDIDATES DECLARED ELECTED

On this date, the county elections official declares elected any incumbent superior court judge who has filed for office but whose name did not appear on either the primary or general election ballots because he or she was unopposed.

►NOVEMBER 5, 2008

POST ELECTION CLEAN UP AND RECONCILIATION

On this date, the Elections Division staff will perform the pre-canvass reconciliation procedures. This consists of logging in all materials returned from the polls (i.e., vote by mail ballots turned in at the polls, provisional ballots, indices, rosters, unused ballots, etc). All materials are organized and prepared for use at the Official Canvass.

►NOVEMBER 6, 2008

OFFICIAL CANVASS

Commencing at 9 a.m. and continuing for at least 6 hours per day until completed, the Elections Division staff will conduct the Official Canvass. This is the process by which the staff review all records from every voting precinct in the county to ensure that all votes cast are eligible and counted.

►DECEMBER 2, 2008

COMPLETION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS

By 5 p.m. on this day, the Elections Division staff must complete the Official Canvass and certify the results of the General Election. Following certification, the county elections official shall submit the results to the Board of Supervisors for adoption and to each governing body which requested consolidation. The county elections official shall make and deliver to each person elected or nominated, a Certificate of Election or Appointment.

►DECEMBER 9, 2008

LAST DAY TO TRANSMIT RESULTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE

No later than this date, the elections official shall send one copy of the Statement of the Vote to the Secretary of State.

►FEBRUARY 2, 2009

SEMI-ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS DUE

Last day to file semi-annual campaign statements. See page 38 for complete schedule and period covered by statement.

OFFICES SCHEDULED TO BE ON THE BALLOT

PARTISAN

JURISDICTION	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Federal	President and Vice President	Nationwide	4 Years, commencing January 20, 2009
18 th District	US Representative in Congress	Multi-County Fresno Merced San Joaquin Stanislaus	2 Years, commencing January 3, 2009
19 th District	US Representative in Congress	Multi-County Fresno Mariposa Stanislaus Tuolumne	2 Years, commencing January 3, 2009
25 th District	Member of the State Assembly	Multi-County Calaveras Mariposa Mono Stanislaus Tuolumne	2 Years, commencing December 1, 2008
29 th District	Member of the State Assembly	Multi-County Fresno Tulare	2 Years, commencing December 1, 2008

JUDICIAL

JURISDICTION	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Countywide	Judge of the Superior Court Office #2	At Large	6 Years

BOARD OF EDUCATION			
AREA	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
1	1 Governing Board Member	By Area Shared with Mariposa County	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008
4	1 Governing Board Member	By Area	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008
5	1 Governing Board Member	By Area	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008
7	1 Governing Board Member	By Area	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Merced	1 Governing Board Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area 2 Area 3 Area 6 	File by Area Elected by Area Shared with Merced County	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008
State Center	4 Governing Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area 2 Area 3 Area 5 Area 6 	File by Area Elected At Large Shared with Kings County Fresno County Tulare County	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Chawanakee	2 Governing Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Large • North Fork 	File by Area Elected At Large	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008
Firebaugh-Las Deltas	3 Governing Board Members	At Large Shared with Fresno County	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008
Golden Valley	2 Governing Board Members	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008
Madera	3 Governing Board Members	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008
Yosemite	3 Governing Board Members	At Large Shared with Mariposa County	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Chowchilla	2 Governing Board Members	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008
	1 Governing Board Member (Short Term)		2 Years, commencing December 5, 2008

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Alview-Dairyland	2 Governing Board Members	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008
Bass Lake	3 Governing Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahwahnee • Bass Lake • Oakhurst 	File by Area Elected At Large Shared with Mariposa	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008
Chowchilla	2 Governing Board Members	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008
Raymond-Knowles	2 Governing Board Members	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 5, 2008

CITY			
JURISDICTION	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Chowchilla	3 Members of City Council	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2008
Madera	2 Members of City Council	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 3, 2008

SPECIAL DISTRICTS			
DISTRICT	OFFICES	ELECTED	TERM
Chowchilla Memorial Hospital	4 Directors	At Large	4 Years, commencing December 2, 2008

QUALIFICATIONS

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

TERM OF OFFICE

Elected officers serve a 4 year term and take office on the first Friday in December, following the General Election (December 5, 2008.)

QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate for the office of Governing Board Member must be a registered voter in the jurisdiction for which they are seeking election. Additionally, in some districts, the candidates must also reside in the attendance area they are seeking to represent.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

All candidates for this office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy between the dates of July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008. The Declaration of Candidacy shall be completed in the office of the County Elections Official in the county where the candidate resides and is registered to vote.

If the incumbent does not file his/her Declaration of Candidacy by August 8, 2008, the period is extended for anyone other than the incumbent for a period of 5 calendar days until August 13, 2008. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. (EC 8022, 8024, 8204)

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (Optional)

Candidates for local non-partisan office may submit a Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the Voter Information portion of the Sample ballot. Statements must be filed at the same time as the Declaration of Candidacy. Statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. on the next working day after the close of the nomination period. Statements are confidential until the close of the nomination period or extended period and then become available for public inspection.

SUMMARY

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 14 to August 8	Declaration of Candidacy Period
July 14 to August 8	File Statement of Qualifications**
August 9 to August 13	Extended Declaration of Candidacy Period***
September 8 to October 21	Write-in Candidacy Period*

FEES:

Statement of Qualifications	See fee schedule on pages 34-35.
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- * Deadline falls on Saturday, Sunday or Holiday. Filing date moves to next business day.
- ** Statement of Qualifications must be filed in conjunction with the Declaration of Candidacy.
- *** Extension applies only when the Incumbent officer does not file before the deadline and extension is only open for anyone other than the Incumbent. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. (EC 8022, 8024, 8204)

QUALIFICATIONS

MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL

TERM OF OFFICE

Elected officers serve a 4 year term and take office on the first Wednesday in December following the General Election (December 3, 2008).

QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate for this office must be a registered voter in the jurisdiction for which they are seeking office and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time the nomination papers are issued.

NOMINATION PETITION

Candidates are required to file a Nomination Petition containing at least 20 and no more than 30 signatures of registered voters. Nomination Petitions must be obtained and filed between the dates of July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008. Each section of the petition shall be delivered to the County Elections Official of the county in which the signer(s) reside and vote.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

All candidates for this office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy between the dates of July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008. The Declaration of Candidacy shall be completed in the office of the County Elections Official in the county where the candidate resides and is registered to vote.

If the incumbent does not file his/her Declaration of Candidacy by August 8, 2008, the period is extended for anyone other than the incumbent for a period of 5 calendar days until August 13, 2008. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. (EC 8022, 8024, 8204)

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (Optional)

Candidates for local non-partisan office may submit a Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the Voter Information portion of the Sample ballot. Statements must be filed at the same time as the Declaration of Candidacy. Statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. on the next working day after the close of the nomination period. Statements are confidential until the close of the nomination period or extended period and then become available for public inspection.

SUMMARY

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July 14, to August 8	Nomination and Declaration of Candidacy Period
July 14 to August 8	File Statement of Qualifications**
August 9 to August 13	Extended Declaration of Candidacy Period***
September 8 to October 21	Write-in Candidacy Period*

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS:

_____ Nomination Signatures	20 to 30 valid signatures
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FEES:

_____ Filing Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$25.00
_____ Statement of Qualifications	
• City of Chowchilla	\$415.00
• City of Madera	\$560.00

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** Statement of Qualifications must be filed in conjunction with the Declaration of Candidacy.

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QUALIFICATIONS

DIRECTOR OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT

TERM OF OFFICE

Elected officers serve a 4 year term and take office no later than the Monday before the first Friday in December (December 2, 2008). (EC10551)

QUALIFICATIONS

A candidate for the office of Director of a Special District must be a registered voter in the District for which they are seeking office. Additionally, in some districts, the candidates must also reside in the area they are seeking to represent.

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY

All candidates for this office are required to file a Declaration of Candidacy between the dates of July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008. The Declaration of Candidacy shall be completed in the office of the County Elections Official in the county where the candidate resides and is registered to vote.

If the incumbent does not file his/her Declaration of Candidacy by August 8, 2008, the period is extended for anyone other than the incumbent for a period of 5 calendar days until August 13, 2008. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. (EC 8022, 8024, 8204)

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (Optional)

Candidates for local non-partisan office may submit a Statement of Qualifications to be printed in the Voter Information portion of the Sample ballot. Statements must be filed at the same time as the Declaration of Candidacy. Statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, during the period for filing nomination papers and until 5 p.m. on the next working day after the close of the nomination period. Statements are confidential until the close of the nomination period or extended period and then become available for public inspection.

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FEES:

_____ Statement of Qualifications	\$427.00
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* Deadline falls on Saturday, Sunday or Holiday. Filing date moves to next business day.

** Statement of Qualifications must be filed in conjunction with the Declaration of Candidacy.

*** Extension applies only when the Incumbent officer does not file before the deadline and extension is only open for anyone other than the Incumbent. This provision does not apply if there is no incumbent eligible to be elected. (EC 8022, 8024, 8204)

INCOMPATIBILITY OF OFFICES

The Political Reform Act does not prohibit any officeholder from holding multiple public offices or seeking more than one elective office. For example, a deputy district attorney can hold the office of city council member, or a water board director may also be elected to a park and recreation district. There are, however, instances of holding more than one office that are considered incompatible.

There is no single statute that defines “incompatibility of offices”. The common law doctrine of incompatibility of offices, however, prevents an elected official from holding two offices simultaneously if the offices have overlapping and conflicting public duties.

The courts have defined the concept as follows: “One individual may not simultaneously hold two public offices where the functions of the offices concerned are inherently inconsistent, as where there are conflicting interests, or where the nature of the duties of the two offices is such as to render it improper due to considerations of public policy for one person to retain both”.

The State of California Attorney General’s Office has issued many opinions of particular compatibility questions. Here are six examples of incompatible offices:

1. The offices of city councilman and school district board member where the city and the school district have territory in common;
2. Fire Chief of a County Fire Protection District and member of the Board of Supervisors of the same county;
3. High School District Trustee and Trustee of an Elementary School District which is wholly within the geographic boundaries of the high school district;
4. Water District Director and a City Council member;
5. Water District Director and a School District Trustee having territory in common; and
6. Deputy Sheriff and County Supervisor.

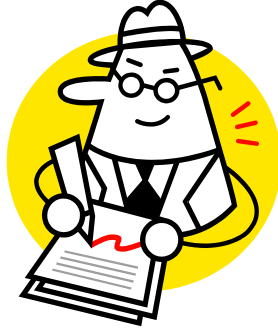
If you have a question about whether two public offices which you hold or seek to hold would be considered incompatible, contact the Attorney General’s office at (916) 324-5437 or visit their website at www.caag.state.ca.us. For further information about conflict of interest or incompatibility of offices, contact the Fair Political Practices Commission at 1-800-275-3772 or at www.fppc.ca.gov.



CANDIDATE CHECKLIST

Listed below is a description of the various mandatory and optional forms to be filed for candidacy in the November 4, 2008 Consolidated General Election. It is the obligation of the candidate to ensure that filing requirements and deadlines have been met. All candidates are urged to file the required documents as early as possible to avoid a last minute rush, confusion, or misunderstanding.

DOCUMENT	FILED BY	FILING PERIOD	FILED ✓
Nomination Petitions	City Council Candidates	July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008	
Declaration of Candidacy	All Candidates	July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008	
Statement of Qualifications	Optional All Candidates	Must be filed and paid for at the same time the Declaration of Candidacy is filed.	
Campaign Disclosure Statements (Form 470 or 460)	All Candidates	See Filing Schedule on page 38.	
Code of Fair Campaign Practices	Optional All Candidates	File with Declaration of Candidacy	
Statement of Economic Interests Form 700	Elected Candidates	File within 30 days of Assuming Office	



CANDIDATE FILING DOCUMENTS

Document	<p>Nomination Petition</p> <p>Candidates for Municipal office are required to obtain nomination papers to secure signatures of registered voters in their jurisdiction. 20-30 nomination signatures are required to nominate a candidate for municipal office.</p>
Who Files	Candidates for City Council
Filing Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008
Document	<p>Declaration of Candidacy</p> <p>The Declaration of Candidacy is the official nomination document, wherein, the candidate indicates how his/her name and ballot designation is to appear on the ballot. Additionally, the candidate declares that he/she meets the statutory and/or constitutional qualifications for the office sought, and that if nominated, the candidate will accept the nomination and not withdraw.</p> <p>The Oath of Office on the Declaration of Candidacy form must be taken and signed by the candidate before a person authorized to administer oaths.</p> <p>The candidate is required to execute the Declaration of Candidacy in the office of the elections official.</p>
Who Files	All Candidates

Filing Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008 • Extended to August 13 if Incumbent fails to file by August 8. • Open for anyone other than the Incumbent.
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Name and Ballot Designation	<p>The candidate states on the Declaration of Candidacy how his/her name should appear on the ballot.</p> <p>The ballot designation is the word or group of words, that will appear under the candidate's name, designating the principal profession, vocation or occupation of the candidate. Ballot designations are governed by Election Code Section 13107. The ballot designation must be chosen from one of four categories reflected below:</p> <p>Elective Office: words designating the elective city, county, district, state or federal office which the candidates holds at the time of filing the nomination documents.</p> <p>Incumbent: the word "Incumbent" may be used if the candidate is a candidate for the same office that he or she holds at the time of filing the nomination papers.</p> <p>3-Word Profession/Occupation/Vocation: No more than 3-words designating either the current principal profession, occupation or vocation of the candidate. If there is no current position, the candidate may use their profession, occupation or vacation for the year immediately preceding the filing period. All geographical names shall be considered one word. If more than one profession, occupation or vocation is listed, it shall be separated by a slash (/).</p> <p>Appointed Incumbent: the phrase "Appointed Incumbent" may be used if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The candidate holds an office other than a judicial office by virtue of appointment, and the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office; or b. If the candidate is a candidate for election to the same office or to some other office, the word "appointed" and the title of the office. <p>In either instance, the candidate may not use the modified word "incumbent" or any words designating the office unmodified by the word "appointed". However, the phrase "appointed incumbent" shall not be required of a candidate who seeks reelection to an office which he or she holds and to which he or she was appointed, as a nominated candidate, in lieu of an election.</p>
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Designations Not Accepted	<p>No title or degree shall appear on the same line on a ballot as the candidate's name, either before or after, in the case of any election to any office. (EC 13106)</p> <p>Pursuant to EC 13107(b), neither the Secretary of State nor any other election official shall accept a designation of which any of the following would be true:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would mislead the voter. 2. Would suggest an evaluation of a candidate, such as outstanding, leading, expert. 3. Abbreviates the word "retired" or places it following any word or words that it modifies. 4. Uses a word or prefix, such as "former" or "ex" which implies a prior status. Only exception is the word "retired". 5. Uses the name of any political party. 6. Uses a word or words referring to a racial, religious, or ethnic group. 7. Refers to any activity that is prohibited by law. <p>Ballot designations rejected under the above code sections, are discussed with the candidate and alternate designations are requested. In the event that the candidate fails to provide an alternate designation, no designation shall appear after the candidate's name.</p> <p>No designation given by a candidate shall be changed after the final date for filing nomination papers, except as specifically requested by the election official.</p>
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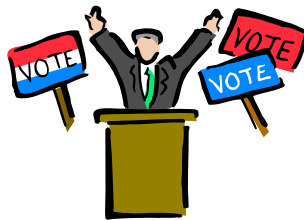
Document	<p>Candidate's Statement of Qualifications</p> <p>A statement written and paid for by the candidate describing his or her education and qualifications to be printed in the sample ballot. The statement must be paid for at the time of filing and must be filed concurrently with the Declaration of Candidacy. The statement may be withdrawn by 5:00 p.m. on the day following the filing deadline (August 9* or August 14, 2008 if extension applies). See detailed information on pages 31-35.</p>
Who Files	Optional for All Candidates
Filing Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008 • Extended to August 13 if Incumbent fails to file by August 8. • Open for anyone other than the Incumbent.

Document	<p>Candidate Intention, Bank Account & Campaign Disclosure Forms</p> <p>Periodic statements disclosing contributions and expenditures made to and by a candidate/committee. Statements must be filed at least once and possibly several times during an election cycle if more than \$1,000 is being raised or spent (including personal funds).</p>
Who Files	All candidates must file either a short form or a long form depending on how much money will be raised or spent.
Filing Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See filing schedule on page 38.

Document	<p>Code of Fair Campaign Practices</p> <p>Optional form that is completed by candidates for all elective offices which states that you shall conduct your campaign in a fair manner.</p>
Who Files	Optional for All Candidates
Filing Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008 • Extended to August 13, 2008 if Incumbent fails to file by August 8. • Open for anyone other than the Incumbent.

Document	<p>Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)</p> <p>Candidates for non-presidential office must disclose their interests in real property and income within the past 12 months in a Form 700. This form is filed as a candidate; within 30 days of assuming office and then annual each year thereafter, for as long as the candidates holds office. Candidates appointed to an office, must file this form within 10 days of their appointment.</p> <p>The statement is not required if the candidate has filed such a statement within the past 60 days for the same jurisdiction.</p>
Who Files	Candidates elected to office
Filing Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File by close of nomination period (candidate). ◆ File within 30 days of assuming office (assuming office).

Document	<p>Statement of Write-In Candidacy</p> <p>Persons who did not file a Declaration of Candidacy and fulfill their nomination requirements to place their name on the ballot may run for an office on the ballot as a write-in candidate. To qualify as a write-in candidate, a person must file with the Elections Division the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Statement of Write-in Candidacy which shall contain the name, residence address and declaration of candidate stating that he or she is a write-in candidate, the title of the office for which he or she seeking and the date of the election. <p>Write-in candidates are subject to the same requirements as other candidates with regard to campaign disclosure and statements of economic interests.</p> <p>Votes are only tabulated for qualified write-in candidates.</p>
Who Files	Any candidate who did not file during the normal filing period.
Filing Period	◆ September 8, 2008 to October 21, 2008.



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION
OF CLERKS AND ELECTION OFFICIALS

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
GUIDELINES
FOR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Important notice to candidates in legislative districts that encompass more than one county: Procedures, requirements, fees, formats and public examination periods for candidates' statements may vary between counties. It is the candidate's responsibility to contact each county (in which he or she wishes to have a statement printed) within the district to obtain the appropriate information from each county. Failure to do so may jeopardize the printing of the candidate's statement.

The text of the statement shall not exceed 250 words. Word count standards shall be pursuant to Elections Code Section 9.

All statements must be submitted on, or attached to, the form provided by the county election official of each county in which the candidate wishes to have his/her statement printed. Statements must be formatted pursuant to the guidelines provided by each county. Statements not submitted in the appropriate format will be reformatted by the county election official. The county election official bears no responsibility for the correct typesetting of statements that must be reformatted.

Statements shall not, in any way, make reference to other candidates for office or to another candidate's qualifications, character or activities. Moreover, no statement shall contain any demonstrably false, slanderous or libelous statements nor any obscene or profane language.

The statement will be printed in languages required by the Voting Rights Act as well as those languages, if any, required by the counties within the jurisdiction. If Spanish is not a required language, a candidate may request a Spanish translation of his/her statement at additional cost.

FILING INFORMATION

Candidate's statements shall be filed in the office of the election official of each county within the district in which the candidate wishes a statement to be printed, not later than 5:00 p.m. on the 88th day prior to the election, or in the event that the nomination period has been extended, until 5:00 p.m. on the 83rd day prior to the election. Candidates' statements are confidential until the expiration of the period for filing such statements. Statements may be withdrawn, but not changed, until 5:00 p.m. of the next working day after the 88th or 83rd day prior to the election, whichever is applicable. It is strongly recommended that the statement be filed personally by the candidate. If the statement is filed by someone other than the candidate, that person should have the authority to make corrections or deletion to the statement in the event that errors or an excess number of words are detected prior to filing the statement. Statements received by mail prior to the deadline will be filed provided that they meet the statutory requirements and county policies regarding candidates' statements. Statements may not be changed after filing.

Counties may require candidates to deposit the estimated cost of printing the statement at the time of filing the statement or may invoice the candidates for the actual cost of printing the statement after the election. If the actual cost of printing the statement exceeds the deposited amount, the candidate will be invoiced for the remainder of the cost. If the actual cost of the printing the statement is less than the deposited amount, the candidate will receive a refund of the overpayment.

Candidates' statements are available for public examination in the county election officials's office 10 days prior to submission for printing. During this period any voter of the jurisdiction in which the election is to be held, or the county election official, may seek a writ of mandate or an injunction requiring any or all of the material in the statement to be amended or deleted. Venue for such a proceeding shall be the county in which the statement is filed. If the statement is filed in more than one county, the writ or injunction must be sought in each county in which the amendments or deletions to the statement are sought.

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Each candidate for local non-partisan office may prepare and submit a Statement of Qualifications on the form provided by the County Clerk-Recorder. The statement is designed to acquaint voters with a candidate's qualifications for the office that he/she is seeking. This statement is incorporated into the county sample ballot at the candidate's expense, and is mailed to each registered voter eligible to vote for that contest.

If you are interested in submitting a Statement of Qualifications, you must have your statement typed and ready for submission upon the filing of your Declaration of Candidacy.

◆BOTH DOCUMENTS MUST BE FILED AT THE SAME TIME◆

Your statement should include your name, address, age, occupation and a 200 word (or more as authorized by a district) description of your education, qualifications and experience.

Statements may be withdrawn but not changed during the filing period and until 5:00 p.m. on the next business day following the close of the filing period (August 9, 2008 or August 14, 2008, if extension applies).

In accordance with Elections Code Section 13311, all statements shall remain CONFIDENTIAL until the close of the nomination period. Following the close of the nomination period, there is a ten-day public examination period, whereby statements may be reviewed and copies obtained for a fee.

During the ten-day public examination period, any voter of the affected jurisdiction may take legal action to challenge the contents of a statement pursuant to Elections Code Section 13314. In addition, Elections Code Section 18351 provides that any candidate who knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact in a statement of qualifications, with the intent to mislead the voters in connection with his/her campaign, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00.

If you choose to file a Statement of Qualifications, you will be required to pay the estimated fee. Actual costs of the statement cannot be determined until the final printing bill is received. If the estimate is over the actual costs, the candidate will receive a refund. If the actual cost is more than estimated, the candidate will receive an invoice for the remaining amount due.

IMPORTANT: If a contest will not be placed on the ballot due to an insufficient number of nominees, the statement you submitted will not be printed and you will receive a refund of the fee paid. Please allow 1 to 2 weeks for receipt of your refund following the close of the nomination period.



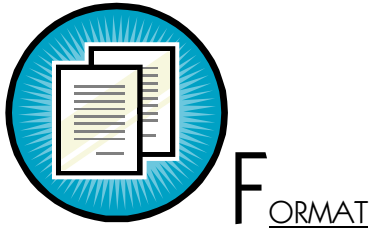
HOW TO PREPARE YOUR STATEMENT:

CONTENT

- ◆ Be accurate. Documents will be printed as submitted. SPELLING, PUNCTUATION, AND GRAMMATICAL ERRORS WILL NOT BE CORRECTED BY THE ELECTIONS DIVISION.
- ◆ Please TYPE your candidate statement. DO NOT USE ALL CAPS. Statements will be rejected if they are typed in all capital letters or if the statement is hard to read. Statements must be submitted on the form provided by the Elections Division. If you will be using a word processor to type your statement, you may attach a printed version of your statement to the cover page.
- ◆ Double space your statement.
- ◆ Candidates for nonpartisan offices shall not include the party affiliation of the candidate nor membership or activity in partisan political organizations.
- ◆ Do not include your e-mail address or telephone number.
- ◆ No statement shall contain any demonstrably false, slanderous or libelous statements.
- ◆ Subheadings and deviations from the standardized heading will not be accepted.
- ◆ The “Occupation” field in the candidate’s statement is not governed by the laws and regulations pertaining to ballot designations. Occupation may be different than your ballot designation.
- ◆ Submit the Original Statement, 1 copy and 1 electronic version on CD or diskette.

SIZE

- ◆ Statements are limited to 200 words, (or more Legislative Candidates only). See guidelines on how to count words on page 33.



- ◆ All text will be formatted flush left - no indents will be allowed, except for bullets.
- ◆ Statements are printed in uniform size, darkness and spacing.
- ◆ Bolding, CAPITALIZING, underlining, and centering text are not permitted. If the statement contains any bolding, capitalizing (other than abbreviations or acronyms), underlining, and centering of text, the text will be converted to normal text without these attributes.
- ◆ Notwithstanding the above guidelines, nothing shall be deemed to make any statement or author of the statement free or exempt from any civil or criminal action or penalty because of any false, slanderous, or libelous statements offered for printing.
- ◆ As required by Law, all statements will be printed in both English and Spanish.



- ◆ Punctuation is not counted.
- ◆ All geographical names shall be counted as one word, which includes all areas that have political boundaries with an elected or appointed board are considered geographic areas by this office. (Example: City and County of Madera = 1 word).
- ◆ Each abbreviation for a word, phrase, or expression, shall be counted as one word.
- ◆ Hyphenated words that appear in any generally available dictionary shall be considered one word. Dates consisting of only a combination of digits shall be counted as one word. January 1, 2000 shall be counted as two words, whereas 1/1/00 shall be counted as one word.
- ◆ Any number consisting of a digit or digits shall be considered as one word. Any number that is spelled, shall be considered as a separate word. "100" shall be counted as one word, whereas "one hundred" shall be counted as two words.



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The following fees have been estimated for the cost of printing a Candidate's Statement of Qualifications in the various counties sample ballots:

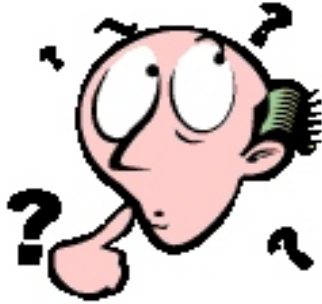
JURISDICTION	OFFICE	ESTIMATE
25 th District	Member of the Assembly	\$715.00
29 th District	Member of the Assembly	\$655.00
County of Madera	Judge of the Superior Court Office #2	\$991.00
Alview-Dairyland School District	Governing Board Member	\$379.00
Bass Lake Joint Union School District	Governing Board Member	\$463.00
Board of Education, Area 1	Governing Board Member	\$523.00
Board of Education, Area 4	Governing Board Member	\$415.00
Board of Education, Area 5	Governing Board Member	\$391.00
Board of Education, Area 7	Governing Board Member	\$403.00
Chawanakee Unified School District	Governing Board Member	\$403.00
Chowchilla Union High School District	Governing Board Member	\$427.00
Chowchilla Memorial Hospital District	Director	\$427.00
Chowchilla Elementary School District	Governing Board Member	\$415.00
City of Chowchilla	City Council	\$415.00
City of Madera	City Council	\$560.00
Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District	Governing Board Member	\$379.00

Golden Valley Unified School District	Governing Board Member	\$439.00
Madera Unified School District	Governing Board Member	\$679.00
Merced Community College District	Governing Board Member	\$427.00
Raymond-Knowles Union School District	Governing Board Member	\$379.00
State Center Community College District	Governing Board Member	\$955.00
Yosemite Unified School District	Governing Board Member	\$547.00

Candidates may be required to print their statement in each county within the jurisdiction.

Candidates interested in filing a candidate's statement should contact each county to find out whether or not they must print and pay the fees associated with their statement in each of the listed counties. If so, you must forward your statement and the estimated fee to each respective county before the deadline.

PAYMENT: The statement may be paid for by check made payable to the County Clerk or cash if the candidate is using personal funds and will not be reimbursed through the committee. The fee shall be paid at the time the candidate files his/her Declaration of Candidacy. If the statement is withdrawn by 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2008* (or by August 13, 2008, if there is an extension), the fee will be refunded in full. Please allow 1 - 2 weeks for refund check.



WHAT IS CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE?

Campaign Disclosure is the method in which candidates file written documentation to outline their campaign contributions and expenditures to the public. All candidates for public office are required to file campaign disclosure statements. The type of statement you will need to file depends on the amount of contributions and expenditures you plan to make during your candidacy/incumbency.

The following is a summary of the guidelines to help you:

If you **do not plan on raising or spending more than \$1,000** for your campaign, and you are not going to form a controlled committee, you may file a one time statement that will satisfy your filing requirements for an entire calendar year. **That form is the Short Form 470.**

The Form 470 is filed by a candidate with his/her Declaration of Candidacy. Once filed, no additional campaign statements need be filed for that calendar year as long as total contributions received remains less than \$1,000 and total expenditures made remains less than \$1,000. If by some chance, you should exceed the \$1,000 threshold, you will need to file a Form 470 Supplement and follow the procedures as shown below. If you are elected to the office sought, you will be required to file some form of campaign disclosure for each year that you are in office.

If you **do plan on raising and spending more than \$1,000** for your campaign, you will need to organize a recipient committee and maintain detailed records to disclose your contributions and expenditures. To do this, follow the steps below:

1. Complete a Form 501 and file it with the County Clerk-Recorder.
2. Complete a Form 410 and file it with the Secretary of State and County Clerk-Recorder.
3. Complete and file a Form 460 at every reporting period before and after the election until you decide to terminate your committee. See filing schedule on page 38.
4. To terminate your committee, complete and file a Form 410 and Form 460 and file them with the Secretary of State and the County Clerk-Recorder.

A detailed description of each form can be found on pages 39-40. A copy of each form described in this section has been provided in your candidate packet. Please review all forms to familiarize yourself with these documents. You have been provided with forms to cover your initial filing requirements only.

Additional forms can be obtained at the County Clerk's office or by visiting the FPPC's website @ www.fppc.ca.gov.



CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FILING SCHEDULE

FILING DEADLINE	STATEMENT TYPE	PERIOD COVERED	DELIVERY METHOD
July 31, 2008	Semi-Annual	- to 6-30-08	*Personal *1st Class Mail
October 6, 2008	Pre-Election	7/01/08 to 9/30/08	*Personal *1st Class Mail
October 23, 2008	Pre-Election	10/01/08 to 10/18/08	*Personal *1st Class Mail
Within 24 hours	Late Contributions and Independent Expenditures of \$1,000 or More	10/19/08 to 11/03/08	*Personal *Guaranteed Overnight Mail *Fax
February 2, 2009	Semi-Annual	- to 12/31/08	*Personal *1st Class Mail

The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.

This schedule does not apply to candidates that will not raise or spend more than \$1,000. Candidates spending less than \$1,000 must file a Form 470 by August 8, 2008.

Candidates with organized committees are required to file a Form 460 at each of the above filing periods. You will not be sent any further notification of the filing periods or due dates. In order to avoid penalties and fines, you must file each statement by the deadlines shown.

Except for deadlines that fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, there is no provision in the law for extending a filing deadline. Late statements are subject to a \$10 per day late fine.

All statements are public documents.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORM DESCRIPTIONS:

FORM 501

CANDIDATE INTENTION STATEMENT

A candidate for state or local office must file this form prior to solicitation or receipt of any contribution, or expenditure of any personal funds used for the election. You must file a separate Form 501 for each election, including re-election to the same office. State candidates please read Form 501 guidelines regarding voluntary expenditure limits.

Exception: this form is not required if you will not solicit or receive contributions from other persons and the only expenditures will be from your personal funds used for the filing fee and/or statement of qualifications in the sample ballot.

File the Form 501 with the County Clerk-Recorder. The form is considered filed the date it is postmarked or hand delivered.

FORM 410

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION RECIPIENT COMMITTEE

A recipient committee is any individual (including an officeholder or a candidate), group of individuals, organization, or any other entity that receives contributions totaling \$1,000 or more during a calendar year. The term "contribution" includes monetary payments, loans and non-monetary goods or services.

The personal funds of a candidate or officeholder used in connection with seeking or holding elective office are contributions and are counted toward qualifying as a recipient committee. However, personal funds used to pay a filing fee or for the statement of qualifications, are not counted toward the \$1,000 threshold.

You must file the Form 410 within 10 days of receiving \$1,000 in contributions. The date this form is postmarked is the date it is considered filed. A recipient committee qualifying during the 16 days prior to an election in which it must file pre-election statements must file a Form 410 or the information required on a Form 410 by telegram or personal delivery within 24 hours of qualification with the County Clerk-Recorder. The Form 410 must also be filed with the Secretary of State within 10 days.

If you amend your committee in any way, you must file an amendment Form 410 within 10 days from the date of the change, and file it with the Secretary of State and the County Clerk-Recorder.

If during the 16 days prior to the election, a change occurs in the name of the committee, the treasurer or other principal officers, or the controlling candidate, an amendment must be filed with the County Clerk-Recorder within 24 hours of the change. The amendment must be sent

by fax, telegram or personal delivery. This amendment must also be filed with the Secretary of State within 10 days.

All recipient committee must file disclosure statements until the termination requirements are met and the Form 410 Termination has been filed.

FORM 460

RECIPIENT COMMITTEE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

This form is for use by ALL candidates who have filed a Form 410. You will need to complete and file a Form 460 at all of the following reporting periods during your candidacy:

- Pre-election Statement
- Semi-annual Statement

The Form 460 must continue to be filed until such time as your disburse all funds and file a Form 410 Termination Statement.

FORM 470

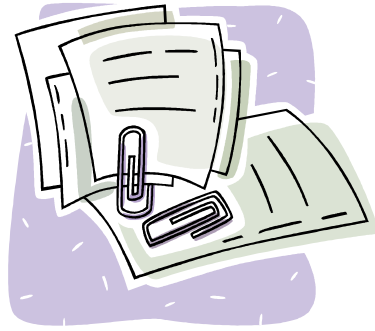
OFFICEHOLDER AND CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN STATEMENT SHORT FORM

The Form 470 is for use by officeholders and candidates who do not have a controlled committee and do not anticipate receiving contributions or making expenditures totaling \$1,000 in a calendar year.

Filing fees and the fee for a statement of qualifications are not counted towards the \$1,000 threshold.

If a Form 470 is filed with the Declaration of Candidacy, on or before the filing deadline for the first campaign statement required for the current calendar year, no additional campaign statements will be required. However, if during your campaign, your status changes and you do exceed the \$1,000 threshold, you will need to file a Form 470 Supplement.

The Form 470 Supplement must be completed and sent within 48 hours of receiving contributions or making expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more. The notice must be sent by telegram, guaranteed overnight service or fax. Regular mail may not be used. File the Form 470 Supplement with the County Clerk-Recorder and each candidate seeking the same office.



REGISTRATION AND ELECTION DATA:

Confidential Voter File

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 2187(g), 2188, and 2194, voter registration information is available to persons or groups for election, scholarly, journalistic, political purposes, or governmental purposes, as determined by the Secretary of State. Each written request to view, purchase or use voter registration information must be signed by the candidate.

Permissible Usage

The California Code of Regulations, Division 7, Article 1, Section 19003, specifies permissible uses for any data obtained from voter registration files.

Permissible usage includes, but is not limited to:

- ◆ Using registration information for purposes of communicating with others in connection with any election;
- ◆ Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings which campaign for or against any candidate or ballot measure in any election;
- ◆ Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings by or in behalf of any political party; of candidates, elections, political party developments and related matters;
- ◆ Sending communications, including but not limited to, mailings, incidental to the circulation or support of, or opposition to any recall, initiative, or referendum petition;
- ◆ Sending of newsletters or bulletins by any elected public official, political party or candidate for public office;
- ◆ Conducting any survey of voters in connection with any election campaign;
- ◆ Conducting any survey of opinions of voters by any government agency, political party, elected official or political candidate for election or governmental purposes;
- ◆ Conducting an audit of voter registration lists for the purposes of detecting voter registration fraud;
- ◆ Soliciting contributions or services as part of any election campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or any political party or in support of or opposition to any ballot measure;
- ◆ Any official use by any local, state, or federal government agency.



Prohibited Usage

Prohibited usage includes:

- ◆ Any communication or other use solely or partially for any commercial purpose;
- ◆ Solicitation of contributions or services for any purpose other than on behalf of a candidate or political party or in support of or opposition of a ballot measure.
- ◆ Conducting any survey of opinions of voters other than those permitted by Section 19003.

California Elections Code Section 18109 states:

“(a) it is a misdemeanor for any person in possession of information obtained pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 2180) of Chapter 2 of Division 2, or Section 6254.4 of the Government Code, knowingly to use or permit the use of all or any party of that information for any purpose other than as permitted by law.

(b) it is a misdemeanor for any person knowingly to acquire possession or use of voter registration information referred to in subdivision (a) without first complying with Section 2188.”



POLITICAL SIGNS

Outdoor Political Advertising - State Law

Section 5405.3 of the State Outdoor Advertising Act (Business & Professions Code) authorizes the placing of “temporary political signs” separate and apart from the normal outdoor advertising controls. No political sign may be placed within the right-of-way of any highway or within 660 feet of the edge of and visible from the right-of-way of a landscaped freeway.

Temporary political signs are those that meet the following criteria:

- ◆ Encourages a particular vote in a scheduled election;
- ◆ Is placed not sooner than 90 days prior to the scheduled election and is removed within 10 days after the election;
- ◆ Is no larger than 32 square feet;
- ◆ Has had a “Statement of Responsibility” filed with the State Department of Transportation.

The law directs the Department of Transportation to remove signs that do not comply with the regulations before an election and to bill the responsible party for removal costs after the election.

Penal Code Sections 556, 556.1, and 556.3 provide that it is a misdemeanor for any person to place sign to advertise on public or private property (without consent); and that it shall be considered public nuisance.

Outdoor Political Advertising - Madera County Code

Section 18.90.040 of Chapter 18.90 of Title 18 of the Madera County Code states that “No sign shall be placed upon any public property, including sidewalks, crosswalks, roads, curbs, lamp posts, hydrants, trees, utility poles, buildings, fences, and rights-of-way of any type, except such legal notices which are authorized by law to be so located. No sign shall project over any public property right-of-way.” This ordinance, number 525C, was enacted in April, 1994.



ELECTIONEERING ON ELECTION DAY

100' Rule

Pursuant to Elections Code Section 18370, no person on Election Day shall, within 100 feet of a polling place:

- ◆ Circulate an initiative, referendum, recall or nomination petition or any other petition;
- ◆ Solicit a vote or speak to a voter on the subject of marking his/her ballot;
- ◆ Place a sign relating to voters' qualifications or speak to a voter on the subject of his/her qualifications except as provided in section 14240;
- ◆ Do any electioneering. This includes wearing buttons, T-shirts, stickers, etc., that promote a candidate or issue on the ballot.
- ◆ Photograph, videotape, or otherwise record a voter entering or exiting a polling place.

As used in this section "100 feet from a polling place" shall mean a distance of 100 feet from the room or rooms in which voters are signing the roster and casting ballots.

Elections Code Section 18541 provides that any person who violates the above provisions is punishable by imprisonment in county jail for not more than 12 months or state prison. Any person who conspires to violate this section is guilty of a felony.



POLL WATCHING

Poll watchers are allowed at the polling place as long as they obey the law and election procedures. Persons observing the polls may:

- ◆ Inspect the Roster of Voters. Any such inspection, however, must be done without impeding, interfering, or interrupting the normal processing of voters.
- ◆ Inspect the Street Index which is updated hourly by poll workers reflecting which voters have voted. This list may not be removed by anyone other than the poll workers.
- ◆ Observe all activities at the polling place, including activities after the polls close, providing they do not interfere with the normal closing procedures.



EXIT POLLING

The Secretary of State and Attorney General have reviewed the Electioneering provisions and have determined that these provisions do not apply to the Press and Media conducting “Exit Polls”. However, no one may interfere with the conduct of the election. News media are instructed to remain at least 25' from the entrance to the polls. The media may take pictures or run a television camera inside the polling place provided they respect the voters' privacy and do not interfere with voting. They may not speak to voters regarding how they are voting within 25' of the entrance to the polls.

ELECTION NIGHT RESULTS

All ballots are tabulated in the office of the County Clerk-Recorder, located at:
200 West 4th Street, Madera.

Unofficial results are posted on our website as they become available.
Please visit: www.madera-county.com

Vote by Mail Ballot results are released after the polls close at 8:00 p.m.



Results are also available by phone. The numbers to call are:

559-675-7720

559-675-7721

559-675-7724

or toll free 1-800-435-0509

Results on election night are not provided in a precinct by precinct format. For more detailed unofficial results, you may order a precinct by precinct summary on the next day following the election.

All results on election night are UNOFFICIAL. The official results will not be certified until the completion of the official canvass.



OFFICIAL CANVASS

The Official Canvass will commence on Thursday, November 6, 2008 and shall continue daily, excluding weekends and holidays, for no less than 6 hours per day, until completed. The County Clerk-Recorder staff has 28 days to complete the Official Canvass.

Upon completion of the Official Canvass, the County Clerk-Recorder shall produce a Certification of Results and Statement of the Vote.



RESOURCES:

Elections Division
200 West 4th Street
Madera CA 93637
559-675-7720 or 800-435-0509
55-675-7870 fax
www.madera-county.com

Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Room 450
or
PO Box 807
Sacramento CA 95814
866-275-3772
916-322-3711 fax
www.fppc.ca.gov

Secretary of State - Elections Division
1500 11th Street, 5th Floor
Sacramento CA 95814
916-657-2166
916-653-3214 fax
www.sos.ca.gov

Secretary of State - Political Reform Division
1500 11th Street, Room 495
Sacramento CA 95814
916-653-6224
www.ss.ca.gov/prd/prd/htm